

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction/Election

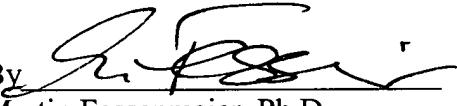
The Office considered the claims of the present application to be directed to patentably distinct apparatus and method claims. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that claims 1-16 form Group I drawn to a first invention and that claims 17-20 form Group II drawn to a second invention. The applicant disagrees. Nevertheless, the applicant **elects without traverse Group I** with claims 1-16 reading thereon. Claims 17-20 are withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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